







## NEWS

## Hemp debate ready to heat up this month

By Linda N. Weller  
Telegraph staff writer

Many Illinois farmers favor more research into industrial uses for cannabis sativa, or hemp, but debate about the issue is expected to flare up this month at the national convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"There is quite a bit of opposition from the anti-drug sector. We expect it to be a hot issue," said Amy Bradford, director of issue management for the Illinois Farm Bureau, based in Bloomington.

Bradford said the AFBF's 1996 resolution in support of researching the viability and economic potential of industrial hemp may be subjected to a motion and consequent vote for deletion from the group's bylaws.

The federation's convention is scheduled for Jan. 11 to 15 in Charlotte, N.C. In a previous Telegraph article, Bradford mistakenly had said the section was taken out at last year's convention.

The controversy stems from hemp's close cousin, cannabis indica, commonly known as marijuana, which is smoked illegally to get high. That plant has 3 percent or higher levels of the euphoriant tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC.

Industrial hemp has 1 percent or less THC, which experts say is not enough to get "high." The plant was grown in the United States for years as a major cash crop until Congress outlawed both forms of cannabis in 1937. Hemp is used in fabrics, as a paper substitute, in making rope, in building supplies, clothing, upholstery and other materials. Oil pressed from hemp seeds can be used in cooking, margarine and cos-

metics.

Last month in St. Louis, members of the Illinois Farm Bureau overwhelmingly approved a resolution similar to that adopted by the national organization.

The research "should test the viability of growing the crop, the public image and the profitability of industrial hemp production for fiber and oil uses. We support the necessary steps in the General Assembly or Congress to allow agricultural research institutions to grow hemp," the resolution states.

Bradford and industrial hemp proponent Ray Hollmann of Fairview Heights said the vote was nearly unanimous. During discussion, however, some farmers wanted to be sure the resolution supported research and wasn't promoting products made from hemp.

"They also wanted to make sure it was clear that (the resolution) was not supporting cannabis as a drug," Bradford said.

Hollmann, an advisory committee member for the Henry White Research Farm near Belleville, had mixed feelings after last month's vote.

On one hand, he said he didn't know members would vote quite so overwhelmingly in favor of the resolution.

On the other hand, Hollmann said the resolution does not push hard enough by primarily supporting more research of hemp.

"By the resolution, it means we need to study it more. I'm talking about doing field trials, let the University of Illinois put the seeds in the ground. It's going to take something more; it's going to take more from the Farm Bureau to get this off center," he said.



## Parties and birthdays abound around town

The Fidalis Church of the Second Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas breakfast in Shoney's on Dec. 17, 1997. Members attending were Ruth Stagner, Dorothy McCoy, Myra Toney, Ollie Richardson, two guests, Marie Knight and Janlyn Greer and the teacher, Mildred Cochran.

An offering was collected to be sent to the Baptist Children's Home in Carmi, Ill. in memory of Clarence Woodard, who was the Carmi Home representative for all the Baptist churches in this area for several years.

Monica Cervantes celebrated her fifth birthday on Dec. 20 at a party given by her parents, Luis and Veronica in their home. She had Barbie decorations in pink and white and a Cinderella cake. Friends attending were Janet Bellamy, Arnel Willings, Stuart Bellamy, Catlin and Jeff Erickson, Michelle and Bambi White, Christine, Zachery and Dave Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Pam) Burns Jr. and children, Jayne, Larry, III, and Laura of Muncie, Ind. spent a holiday

### MAXINE GREEN

vacation visiting relatives including her parents, Charles and Jan Polach and Larry's uncle and aunt, Jim and Rose Caffrey of Pontoon Beach. Members of the Homemakers class of the Calvary Baptist Church who attended the Christmas party in the recreational hall were Barbara Schreiber, Marge Hatfield, Emily Hagopian, Marge Borth, Janice Stanton, Paula Linville, Carrie Luperado, Louise Sullivan, Rosemary Wilson, Carolyn Callier, Betty Gerdie, Trudy Stafford, Kay Anderson and Tina Lyons.

Ruth Daigon and Pat Wallis have returned home after a week's vacation in Branson, Mo. They visited the Grand Palace and saw the "Rock of Ages." Other shows they attended were the Sojo Tobuch, the Promise, and Van Burch Magic Show. They also visited the Seventy-Six Music Hall and enjoyed shopping in the Old Stores in the shopping center.

Sylvia Richmond of Grandin, Mo. spent the holidays visiting her sisters, Cora Nance and family, Roxie Lynn West and

family in High Ridge, Mo. and other relatives in this area.

Cheyenne Dakota James Black, granddaughter of Sam and Sherry Mathews, was born June 11 in Litchfield, Ill. to William Black and Kara Heath. She weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Ray and Amy Heath of Glen Carbon and paternal grandparents are Bill and Carol Black of Festus, Mo. Great-grandparents are Gene and Doris Ross of Granite City and Great-grandmothers are Jewell Black and Lillian Black of Granite City and Barb Kentch of Festus, Mo.

Madison Alana Wheatley was born on Dec. 12 at Anderson Hospital in Maryville to Misty Black and Mike Wheatley. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was twenty inches long. Maternal grandparents are Sam and Sherry Mathews of Granite City and Bill and Carol Black of Festus, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Linda Campbell of Conne Terre, Mo. and Al Wheatley of St. Louis. Great-grandparents are Gene and Doris Ross and great-grandmothers are Jewell Black and Lillian Black of Granite City and Barb Kentch of Festus, Mo.

### Elvis sighting

Matthew Vollmar, a graduate of Marshall School and Granite City High School, performed Christmas songs with an "Elvis" theme recently at Marshall. Clockwise, from below: Marshall kindergartners Kayla Posey, Jessica Homan and Christine Willis clap for Vollmar after one of his songs. Marshall Principal Virgil Kambarian joins Vollmar for a song. Vollmar entertains the crowd at Marshall. He now is a student at Oakland City University in Indiana. He credits Marshall with sparking his interest in music.



Staff photos by JOHN FRIESE

## New campus designs unveiled at meeting

Architectural designs for \$16.7 million in new construction at Belleville Area College's Belleville and Red Bud campuses were unveiled Dec. 17 at the BAC board of trustees meeting.

The state of Illinois will provide 75 percent of the construction costs. A two-story, 106,000-square-foot building will be constructed at the Belleville Campus, adjacent to the current three-story building. A 36,000-square-foot building will be constructed at the Red Bud Campus, adjacent to the current single-story structure.

BAC Interim President Larry Schmalenberger said the

expansion will allow the college to provide more space for classrooms, laboratories and library resources.

The Belleville Campus addition will include state-of-the-art, "smart" classrooms with links to the Internet, teleconferencing and multi-media presentations. Computer labs and special instructional areas dedicated to business and industry training also will emphasize advanced instructional technologies.

BAC students will benefit from a new library that will be the first-floor centerpiece of the new Belleville structure.

The Red Bud Campus addition will house a library.

### Arrests

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Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said the search warrant and subsequent arrests were the result of continuing efforts to rid the community of drugs and drug dealers.

"There were ongoing complaints from the neighborhood about activities at (the address), Ruebhausen said.

Both of these individuals were known police characters. And, the activity at the residence was considered a public nuisance by us and the State's Attorney's office."

Beyond the criminal charges, the Granite City Police Department has filed for forfeiture of a B z z e l l s house under Illinois' seizure and forfeiture laws.

"It is our intent for the city to take ownership of the property," Ruebhausen said.

Ruebhausen said, "We're proud of this one. We dedicated a great deal of time and effort to it."

Memorial Hospital, in conjunction with Belleville Health and Sports Center, is holding a "Lively Lungs Fitness Program" for people with chronic lung disease.

Held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Belleville Health and Sports Center, the fitness program uses individualized and gradual reconditioning techniques.

### Housing

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A \$25,000 surplus, which drops to a projected \$250,000 deficit by 1998. Officials noted the trend during budget negotiations in November but decided to put off any long-term decisions until the new year.

A new building, which would be expected to cut growing maintenance costs at both homes, could be financed by a

county bond issue and paid off by the 5-cent tax increase. A new facility is expected to cost about \$6 million, Stille said.

If approved, the new building will not increase either facility's capacity and could be built at either site, officials said.

Committee member William Little, D-Alton, said officials want to know whether the

county should stay in the nursing home business.

"We will ask the people on the referendum," he said.

A new facility would bring the county up to the next century in health programs. "If we're going to stay in the business, there is no question we have to get updated. The Nursing Home was built in the early '20s, the old TB clinic, and the Shelter Care Home is

older," he said.

Stille said he wants to take one step at a time. The next step is taking to the County Board to get it on the ballot.

"We will run out of money at the end of this year, and it will cost \$2 million to close," he said.

"If the proposition fails in March, that's it. We close," he said.

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## Murder

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The shooting occurred from the back seat of the family's 1997 GMC Yukon sport-utility vehicle.

The son was in the back seat within a foot of his mother.

Illinois State Police Master Sgt. Dennis Kuba said during a news conference on Monday.

The Illinois State Police and other agencies are still investigating the case. U.S. Attorney W. Charles Grace declined to comment.

Wednesday, whether the suspected gunman is in custody.

Cohn set a preliminary hearing on evidence in the case for 3 p.m. Tuesday at the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis. He said the hearing may be moved to a larger courtroom.

Abeln's attorney, Charles H. Billings, declined to comment. "We'll deal with it in the courtroom," he said.

Employees at CRT Aviation have said that the family has asked them not to comment.

The case is assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Ranley Kilham. The two suspects are currently in the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joel Merkel wouldn't say whether the suspects confessed to the plot.

"The complaint speaks for itself," he said.

The complaint was not available Wednesday for review.

## Resolution Solution

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## CAROL'S COMMENTS

### Tidbits to start the new year off right

Here's a bit of miscellany to start the year, beginning with some criticism and suggestions from friends and defense from a gentleman I've never met.

First, in response to Jean Krome's suggestion for some column subject matter: Jean was (legitimately, I think) incensed by the holiday news coverage bawling the lonely plight of the young British princes on the occasion of their first Christmas without their mother. Sorry, but I've said as much as I plan to about the media overkill on the ups and downs of the Windsor clan. With all due respect to the late princess, I'm as tired of the subject as Jean, and I don't want to contribute to beating a dead horse.

Then to "Corky" Cullen who informed me during the Yuletide that I was losing my edge, getting sloppy sentimental, and he was getting bored with it (and, presumably, me). Perish the thought, Corky! I'll mend my ways, honestly! Shouldn't take long, because I rarely go very long without getting ticked off by something or someone. And because Jerry can make me laugh longer and harder than most people I know, I'd do anything not to estrange him.

Communications from readers sometimes get lost in the shuffle at the *Journal* and that's what happened with the letter from the aforementioned gentleman. It was written in early May. I received it in late November when it surfaced in the Belleville office. I was especially glad to hear from him because, believe it or not, Ralph Anderson turned out to be one of those exceptional males to whom John Wayne was not an icon.

Enclosed with his letter commending me on a column editorial of the Duke were at least a dozen newspaper clippings including columns written by two guys I've always enjoyed, Jimmy Breslin and the late Mike Royko. All expressing anti-Wayne sentiments. Naturally, I phone Anderson to thank him and apologize for the delay in response.

The letter and the clips not only made me feel less lonely and isolated in terms of my stance, it made me feel, well, justified. Particularly, in view of the census I'd undergone from several so-called friends when the column appeared in print. Please note, Jerry John: I am not, nor ever have

been, a Commie, so stop calling me Pinkie!

And while I'm more or less on the subject of the male newspapermen, I'd like to share "The Rules" with those who have not yet read them. A copy of The Rules (which were obviously written by a man) was given to me by my friend, Bert Hess, and seem to amuse both sexes.

They are:  
1. The Female always makes The Rules.  
2. The Rules are subject to change without notice.  
3. No Male can possibly know all The Rules.  
4. If the Female suspects the Male knows all The Rules, she must immediately change some of The Rules.  
5. The Female is never wrong.

6. If it appears the Female is wrong, it is because of a flagrant misunderstanding caused by something the Male did or said wrong.  
7. If Rule #6 applies, the Male must apologize immediately for causing the misunderstanding.

8. The Female can change her mind at any time.  
9. The Male must never change his mind without the express, written consent of the Female.

10. The Female has every right to be angry or upset at any time.

11. The Male must remain calm at all times, unless the Female wants him to be angry or upset.

12. The Female must, under no circumstances, let the Male know whether she wants him to be angry or upset.  
13. The Male is expected to read the mind of the Female at all times.

14. At all times, what is important is what the Female meant, not what she said.  
15. If the Male doesn't abide by the Rules, it is because he can't take the heat, lacks backbone, and is a wimp.

16. If the Female has PMS, all the Rules are null and void and the Male must cater to her every whim.  
17. Any attempt to document the Rules could result in bodily harm.

18. If the Male, at any time, believes he is right, he must refer to Rule #5.

Unfortunately, this small literary masterpiece is anonymous, but think about these 18 commandments. Rules to live by!



## READER SURVEY RESULTS

### Readers respond to airport expansion

I am a 74-year-old woman. My husband is 75. My 94-year-old mother lives with us. It has taken us 30 years to get our home just as we want it. We thought we would live here the remainder of our lives. We have the finest neighbors anyone could ask for. Now we are asked to give up all of this. Enlarge MidAmerica. Go where there's more than enough room. Please spare Bridgeton.

Alma Kenney  
Bridgeton 63044

As a frequent user of Lambert Field my concerns are the number of late flights, inadequate terminal space and poor highway access, especially during rush hours. Most of these issues will not be solved on a long-term basis by the "Band-Aid" solution of a new runway. The only real long-term solution is to follow the lead of more progressive cities such as Kansas City, Denver, etc. and invest in an entirely new airport with sufficient adjacent land for future expansion. This would require relocating the new airport to St. Louis or St. Charles County or the Metro East. Our local politicians should be asked why this is not an option.

Alan Hopell  
Kirkwood

A. Do not expand Lambert. B. Make MidAmerica the main airport for St. Louis and Lambert the reliever.

Frederick Tuttle  
Florissant

The airport director and those supporting airport expansion are mostly relics from the past. If they were thoughtful, they would realize that the Transportation Age is long past and the Information Age is at hand. Investment in information infrastructure rather than transportation infrastructure is preferred. It will produce a far greater economic return for all of the metro area than laying more concrete, to support a flawed analysis of airport capacity and noise. That will benefit few and inconvenience many. I believe expansion supporters and the community leaders they have duped are performing a grave disservice to all of us. They and the FAA have overlooked the real "preferred alternative."

Neal Wessler  
St. Charles 63301

The cost of W-1W does not justify the loss of homes, churches, schools and businesses in Bridgeton. Nor the noise that will be generated by building the new airstrip. The economic impact is the only sensible way to go ahead. MidAmerica can become a world-class airport. MidAmerica offers the capability of future expansion. Let's face it, the people who manage Lambert are biased.

Peter Anselmo  
Hazelwood 63042

Have most aircraft take off eastward over St. Louis. A real waste of taxpayer money. Use MidAmerica as auxiliary airport.

V. Schierding  
St. Charles

The airport needs to move out — way out. Any more noise than we now have would be abominable. They need to use MidAmerica for the main airport and Lambert for a feeder airport. We have put up with this noise for 20 long years. If W-1W will get me out of the flight path I'm all for it. If they take off to the west all the time — I'm all for that too. Were five miles from the airport but at times it's like being right next to it. I wish they would buy me out. The noise disrupts our lives and our sleep.

Mildred Schneidermeyer  
Jennings 63136

We definitely need to expand Lambert and keep it as our primary airport. Although I only fly two or three times a year, others in my family are frequent flyers, and we have no desire to spend as much time and money as it would take to use an airport in Illinois or some other far out area. St. Louis needs an expanded Lambert.

Elinor Seale  
Kirkwood 63122

Isn't Washington foolish to take a chance on an airport disaster? Use MidAmerica now. Also, there is good land between Warrenton and Kingdom City. Expand there.

T. Unger  
Bridgeton 63044

In early 1956 flying out of old Lambert and returning to the new Lambert I found it under construction. Now almost 42 years later it's the same. Long walks to gates that only fit people can handle, people movers never working, refreshment places with outrageous prices and terrible and arrogant servers. I do my best to avoid Lambert.

John Cooke  
Glendale 63122

People east of the airport will still have the same noise and filth

that is there now. After all, the meaning of expansion is to "add on", key word is "add." If after the years of legal fighting this does happen, it's St. Charles who will be bombed by the noise and filth. The airlines cannot afford to change to the new quiet planes for a long time into the future. That means more noise and filth that we who are left here have to put up with. W-1W is a "one way runway," and it's a large mistake.

Mike Wolf  
Bridgeton 63044

St. Louis region needs Lambert expansion and W-1W is the choice, so let's do it. It has to have dual runway capability to move forward with progress, a reliever. St. Louis needs move ahead. Some people need to take their bladders out areas in the direct path (near Blanchette Park or Lambert and they just need to agree to flight plans for St. Charles. The noise is not that bad now, new planes will be better. This anti-noise group is hurting property values.

Todd Swopes  
St. Charles 63301

The city of St. Louis just sold the best place to build their new runway — Columbia Bottoms. Too close to Mississippi River? The Japanese built their airport in Tokyo Bay. Will bottle noise for St. Louis mayor. I am not in buyout area.

Elmer Stamer  
Bridgeton 63044

No to expansion. I do not think financial and environmental terms are worth it. W-1W is the most expensive, not the cheapest. Declining neighborhoods should be lost, not Bridgeton. The south plan is better.

Michael Henry  
St. Peters 63376

I believe Lambert should go with expansion and W-1W. I live in the buyout area and I can't use my back yard for company because the noise is too loud and you can't even talk to one another. There are also times we can't hear the television inside the house. I feel Missouri is too slow in making progress on many issues. Expansion is good for St. Louis area. It will bring jobs for our people and possibly bring more business to our area. People move all the time and the airport is fair about moving you. I don't understand why people would want to lose project to Illinois and not keep them in Missouri. For Missouri let's progress and be as good as we can be.

Daniel Rygelski  
Bridgeton 63044

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## LETTER TO EDITOR

### System not to blame

TO THE EDITOR:

In the media spotlight of high public interest trials such as the Massachusetts au pair case — where all parties issue multiple statements day in and day out, and people picketed outside the Cambridge courthouse, it is important to remember the true role of the court and the judge who presides over the trial.

The true role of the judge is not to be a caricature in a made-for-television sitcom, where the viewer tunes in for entertainment and then clicks to another channel.

The true role of a judge is not to be reduced to a 25-second sound bite on the evening news. The true role of a judge is not to be shaped by pressure groups promoting a particular outcome.

Rather, the true role of a trial or appellate judge is to uphold the rule of law and ensure that justice is done. This principle is at the core of our democracy. This critically serious business requires that a judge protect the rights of all participants in a trial as well as the public interest.

This principle is what has made the American legal system the most copied judicial system model in emerging democracies around the world.

The judicial process requires time to unfold. It is deliberative and thoughtful, designed to ensure that all issues are carefully weighed and considered.

It is designed to produce the truth. Without this careful and deliberate process, under the rule of law, the strong fabric that binds Americans together would fray, and democracy would be weakened. Judicial decision making, however, does not occur in a vacuum. Our judicial system is at work in the jury trial process when a jury considers the evidence and arrives at a verdict on the facts.

The system is at work when a judge conducts the trial and reviews the verdict of the jury in light of the law, and again when the appellate court reviews the decision of the trial court. This dynamic system of judge, jury and appellate review is what makes American's judicial system so unique and effective.

As the world reacts to the decision of Massachusetts Superior Court Judge Hilary Zobel, Americans should understand that judges' decisions are not determined by the glare of the camera lights, nor as Judge Zobel put it, "by a plebiscite," nor by partisan pressure brought to bear on the jury or the judge.

An independent judiciary is a necessary, vital and irreplaceable constant in the American Democracy that continues to successfully evolve after more than 200 years.

That's our American system and it works.

JUDGE WILLIAM S. SESSIONS  
Chair of the ABA  
Special Committee  
on Judicial Independence

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Donna Payne, the Let's Go Girl



Above, John M. boat. At right, on display



Above, Mike White of St. spoke through. At right, B and Leo T. boat engi

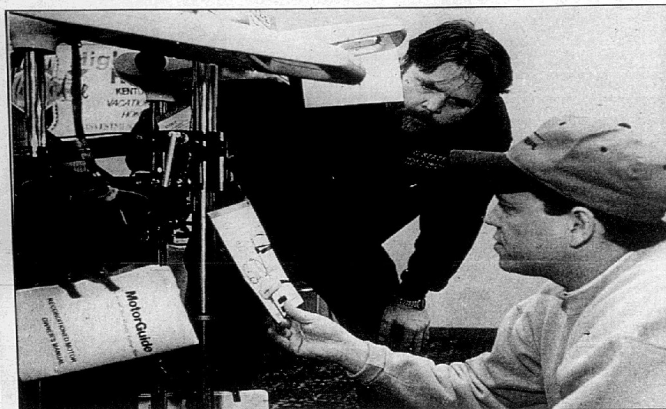


# PEOPLE

## Gone fishin'



Donna Payne, left, and Rose Brashers, both of St. Louis, look at graphite fishing rods at the Let's Go Fishing show held last weekend at Gateway Center in Collinsville.



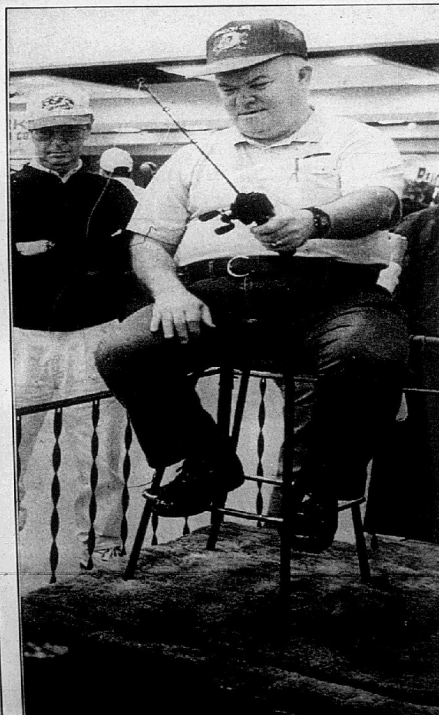
Clyde Frey of Collinsville, right, examines trolling motors with Rick Rouse of Tri-State Trolling Motor Repair in Hazelwood, Mo.



Above, John Meyer, 8, of St. Louis pretends to drive a boat. At right, residents crowd around one of the boats on display.



Above, Mike and Gladys White of St. Charles, Mo., poke through a tackle box. At right, Becky Hopkins and Leo Tomerlin examine a boat engine propeller.



At left, Larry Carver, president of Carver's Spinners Inc. of Greenwood, Ind., demonstrates how 'dragon jig' bait works. The fifth annual show featured Illinois dealers of fishing tackle, accessories and fishing boats. Resorts, destinations and organizations representing fishing activities and interests also were among the exhibitors. Terry McCormick of Nameoki Village Marine in Granite City originated the fishing show.

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Bonebrake

# Senior aide devotes life to others

Ada Mae Turner fondly is referred to as "Mother" Turner by her family and friends in Madison.

Turner and her husband, Adam, have 16 children. Also, for the past 34 years, she has served as a spiritual mother to inmates at the Menard Correctional Center in Chester, and more recently, to inmates at the Southwest Illinois Correctional Center in East St. Louis.

And, in her role as a Senior Aide, Turner performs motherly duties as a clerical worker in the administrative office at Madison High School.

"She's magic," said Patricia Pritchard, a secretary at the high school who serves as Turner's supervisor. "She fills out slips for students who come in late. She calls the homes of students who are absent to make sure they're all right. She's caught on really fast."

Madison High School is the latest job site for Turner, who has worked as a Senior Aide for 20 years. Her previous employers include the Urban League, Venice Technical School and the Venice Park District.

Turner is employed through the Senior Aide Program operated by Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons. Senior Aides are placed in community agencies as receptionists, clerical assistants, payroll clerks, van drivers, child care providers or data entry clerks.

Turner was born and raised in Henning, Tenn. which also



Ada Mae Turner sits at her desk at Madison High School.

is the hometown of Alex Haley, author of "Roots." Turner never met Haley but has toured his home, which was converted into a museum. She has lived in the Madison area for about 40 years and her children now live throughout the United States.

One of her youngest children, the Rev. Alfred E. Turner, is pastor of the Rescue Mission Church of Christ. He accompanies his mother on his monthly trips to the Menard

and Southwest prisons. "I teach, he preaches," Ada Mae Turner said with a laugh. "We hear testimonies from the men. And we read the bible."

Turner said she was inspired in 1963 to begin her prison ministry. "The Lord came to me in a vision and called me to do this work," she said.

Turner said she takes comfort in knowing that several inmates she ministered to in prison are now back in society,

leading productive lives. After two decades as a Senior Aide, Turner plans to keep working as long as she is able.

"The Lord always prepares you for what you need to do," Turner said. For more information on becoming a Senior Aide in St. Clair County, call Sharon Seaman, Senior AIDES program director, at PSOP, 234-4410. Madison County residents should call 931-7041 and ask for Pat.

# Kicking the habit

Doctors increase support in smoking cessation

By Allyson McCollum  
Staff writer

A doctor may not be the first person a smoker wants to talk to about the habit, but many St. Louis area doctors want to change that attitude.

The St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society this fall kicked off what it believes is one of the largest physician-driven, anti-smoking campaigns in the country.

The campaign was spearheaded by Dr. Charles Norland, a gastroenterologist. He has an office at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in Town and Country and is president of the society.

The goal is to get every doctor to ask every patient on duty whether he smokes and if he would like to quit.

Doctors had become less involved in trying to convince patients to stop smoking, because it is so difficult to get anyone to quit.

The problem with smoking and health is it is by far the No. 1 cause of death in the United States, but it is a chronic cause," Norland said.

Because it usually takes 40 to 50 years for smoking to kill a person, it doesn't seem like an immediate health danger, he said.

Thirty years ago about 42 percent of Americans smoked, but by 1990 the number was down to about 25 percent, Norland said. Now, mostly because of teen smokers, it has gone back up to 28 percent.

In contrast, only about 5 percent of doctors smoke and only about 2 percent of graduating medical students do, Norland said.

Doctors have known smoking is unhealthy and that patients should quit. "Ask your doctor how to stop smoking!"

campaign teaches doctors how to motivate smokers to quit and offers support to patients.

About 5,000 local doctors were sent training materials on smoking cessation, and more than 2,000 training sessions are offered through the program.

"We really want to help them, because we're talking about 430,000 deaths a year," Norland said.

The good news is nearly every risk smoking creates is reversible. It takes years for a former smoker's risk of lung cancer to decrease, Norland said. But within months the risks of heart disease and other problems begin going away.

Norland once was a smoker, and he understands the difficulty of quitting. The goal is not to have patients, but to help them quit, he said.

About 30 percent of smokers have no interest in giving it up, Norland said. It is the remaining 70 percent the campaign hopes to target.

In that group, he said, many have asked if their patients wanted to quit, but didn't really offer any advice. He said,

"Smoking is an addiction and is sympathetic to how difficult it is to stop. Norland and many others believe that quitting cold turkey is the best way to go, but

say there are many products on the market to help people who aren't able to do that. Another goal of the campaign is to make sure doctors know about all of those products so they can inform patients.

Famphlets were printed, and distributed to doctors, offering advice on how to stop smoking and lists of smoking cessation classes in the St. Louis area.

Anyone interested in giving up smoking should contact his or her physician.

# Portwood, Jones to receive King awards

Shirley Portwood, professor of historical studies at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and Harvey Jones Jr., of Centerville, have been selected to receive the 1996 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Awards at the university. They will be honored Jan. 22 at a 11:30 luncheon program celebrating the late Dr.

King's birthday in Meridian Ballroom in the University Center. Tickets for the King Birthday Celebration luncheon are \$8 for students and \$10 for general admission. Reservations are being accepted at the Kimmel Leadership Center. Greg Freeman, columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, will be the keynote speaker.

A special guest will be Morris Dees, founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Atlanta, who is scheduled to deliver the Arts & Issues lecture that evening in the same location. For more information, call (618) 692-2660.

# Year-round walks set to begin for new year

You're invited to start your New Year off right by joining the year-round walks. The walks are held at three local year-round walks at Cahokia Mounds, Our Lady of the Snows and Belleville's Richland Creek Greenway. These year-round walks, which are hosted by the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club, are noncompetitive, family-oriented events that can be walked at your own pace. The Cahokia Mounds walk will start from the Interpretive Center between 9 and 11 a.m. on Jan. 10. The 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) trail takes you along the walk-

ing paths and among the many interesting mounds within the area. Free coffee and doughnuts will be available to all walkers after completing the walk. This event is a credit only walk with a \$2 fee, with "B" awards available from earlier years for \$3. The event can also be walked almost any day of the year between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Our Lady of the Snows year-round walk will start from the Shrine Motel between 9 and 11 a.m. on Jan. 17. This 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) trail takes you along paved streets through the beautiful grounds

of the Snows. Free coffee and doughnuts will be available to all walkers after completing the walk. The award for this year's event is a 3 1/2-inch patch for \$5, or the event can be walked for credit only for \$2. The event can also be walked any day of the year during daylight hours. The Richland Creek Greenway year-round walk will start from the Main Lobby of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville between 9 and 11 a.m. on Jan. 24. This 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) trail takes you along the completed portion of the Richland

Creek Greenway, along paved city streets and through the historic portion of the city. The trail for this year's walk has been revised but still incorporates the features listed above. Free refreshments will be available to all walkers after completing the walk. The award for the event is a 3 1/2-inch patch for \$5, or the event can be walked for credit only for \$2. The event can also be walked any day of the year during daylight hours. For additional information on these and other walks sponsored by the club, please call Dick at 632-3390, Andy at 482-3255 or Tom at 233-6348.

# Glen Carbon completes water tower

By Paul Mackie  
Telegraph staff writer

With the completion of its water tower, Glen Carbon will soon turn to several other water projects.

Tom Sedlacek, Glen Carbon's public works director, said three new water mains are at various stages of development. The mains will help stabilize higher volumes of water for firefighting protection and create stronger water pressure for residents in the following areas:

• The Village Circle area of Cottonwood. Sedlacek recently met with Madison County Community Development and Planning Associates in anticipation of installing a section of water mains in this area.

The intersection of Glen Crossing Road and Illinois 159. Sedlacek hopes to begin the

bidding soon on moving water mains for upcoming road widening and spotlight installation.

• From Bousse Road to Illinois 159. Keller Excavating will begin looping a water main through the Fields Crossing subdivision to connect these two areas, possibly as soon as next week.

For now, village officials are happy to have the mainer with the pick on his shoulder repainted on the tower at Glen Carbon Road and Illinois 159.

The tower hadn't been repainted since it was erected in the 1970s. Both the inside and outside were in need of a repainting. The interior was painted first, Mayor Ron Foster said.

In September, Glen Carbon and Edwardsville began sharing the cost of producing water at the Edwardsville plant off New Poag Road. Glen Carbon still runs its own distribution

system. "Sharing the cost with Edwardsville has turned out to be a very good program," Foster said. "We're able to assist one another. The start of the system came at a good time, too, because we were able to paint the water tower."

The tower also has a new color. It's blue instead of the old white, and the emblem has been upgraded to an exact replica of the statue at Village Hall, which depicts the miner with a pick on his shoulder.

Sedlacek said one more lighting fixture will be attached to the water tower for better viewing of the emblem once the weather breaks. There currently are three lights on the tower, but the emblem often can be difficult to see at certain times of the day. Bazan Painting Co. of St. Louis eventually completed the project for \$157,000.

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Mrs. Robert Toolen, Hazelwood 63042

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Bud Otten, Rock Hill 63144

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# Poll

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I actually live too far out for the airport to really affect me. My concern is the fact that that particular runway is the one being forced on people. I believe there is backsliding of bribery, crooked politics, plus not much use of common sense. I forget the other plans numbers but there was one that made much more sense than this being jammed down throats.

James E. Douglas, Dittmer, Mo. 63023

I am very much opposed to the W-I-W plan. I cannot understand how Griggs can know more than the pilots and air traffic controllers. I am also against destroying homes, businesses, schools and churches. It is not right. We live by the Ford plant and sometimes

the noise from departing flights is very bad and I am sure it will just get worse. I would hate for someone to tell me to move. This is my home and where I choose to live.

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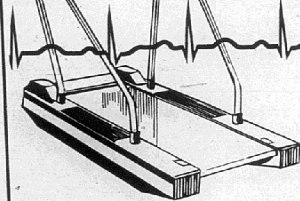
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# BUSINESS/NEWS

## Investors still need cash reserves

While you're busy working toward a financially secure future, building up a long-term portfolio that includes growth and income investments, don't forget one thing: cash. You still need cash reserves, not only to pay for big expenses, but also to help you avoid dipping into your long-term investments if emergencies arise.

One of the best places to keep your cash reserves is in a money market mutual fund, and, evidently, more people are discovering this. Last year, assets of money market funds increased almost 20 percent, to \$401.8 billion. Money market assets represented 26 percent of total mutual funds assets, exceeding the 25 percent representation of bond and income funds. (Stock funds still lead, with 49 percent of total mutual funds assets.)

Money market funds pay a steady income that is relatively high compared to bank accounts, CDs and other vehicles offering immediate liquidity. Money market funds are not insured by the FDIC; the principal of the underlying assets is backed by the mutual fund company.

How much better is the income on a money market fund than that of other savings vehicles? The June 1997 issue



Jeff Prosser

of Ticker, a professional financial publication, compared a hypothetical \$50,000 investment earning 2.6 percent annually in a bank money market account to a money market fund paying 4.75 percent. Allowing the two investments to compound monthly over 10 years, the bank deposit was worth \$64,969, but the money market fund grew to \$80,643.

Most, if not all, money market funds charge no commissions for buying or selling. They offer check-writing privileges, telephone redemption and instant access — all with no commission.

Following are a few pointers on using money market funds:

- Use money market mutual funds for emergency cash. Most investors want some cash readily available for the unexpected. How much depends on your comfort level and the amount of your expenses. Most professionals say you should

have at least three to six months' worth of living expenses in a liquid account. This could vary according to the liquidity of other assets. A family with \$100,000 in mutual funds, which are sold easily, may be comfortable with less cash reserve than a family with real estate, which typically takes longer to turn into cash.

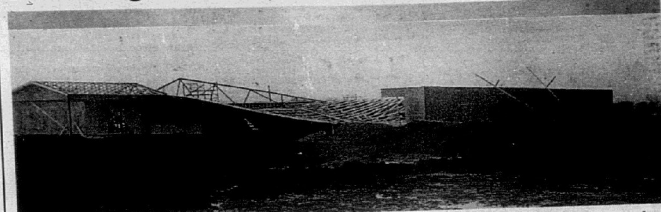
- Use tax-exempt or taxable money market funds depending on your tax bracket. Money market funds that are free of federal income tax, and often state taxes, have lower interest rates than taxable funds, but for someone in a high tax bracket (usually 31 percent or higher), this tax-free income could actually give you more than you would net on a taxable money market fund.

- Don't use a money market fund as your primary investment. Historically, money market funds have yielded much less than other investments. For your long-term goals, you need something that offers higher income and more potential for growth.

For ready cash, however, money market funds can be an ideal place to park your dollars.

(Jeff Prosser is a financial consultant with Edward Jones in Granite City.)

## Building damaged



The center section of the roof of the future location of the Granite City Moose Lodge collapsed Friday due to high winds. Three construction workers suffered minor injuries. The site of the new lodge is across from the new St. John's Cemetery on Maryville Road.

## JRC adds publications with new year

The Journal Register Company (JRC), parent company of the Suburban Journals, began the new year by acquiring a New Milford, Conn. company called HVM, L.L.C.

HVM has eight weekly newspapers, one total market coverage publication and three monthly magazines with a combined distribution of approximately 155,000.

JRC includes Housatonic Valley Publishing, primarily serving Fairfield and Litchfield counties in Connecticut and Putnam County in New York, and Minuteman Newspapers, serving Westport and Fairfield, Conn.

The acquisition is the third since Dec. 12, 1997, when JRC acquired the Ladue News, a weekly publication serving west St. Louis County.

On Dec. 22 JRC also acquired the InterCounty Newspaper Group, Mt. Laurel, N.J., which includes 17 weekly newspapers in suburban Philadelphia; Bucks County, Penn.; and central and southern New Jersey.

In Connecticut, JRC owns five daily newspapers, including the New Haven Register, the state's second largest daily and Sunday newspaper. The acquisition also brings the number of JRC non-daily pub-

lications in Connecticut to 62, with distribution of approximately 825,000.

Among the HVM newspapers is The Litchfield Examiner, established in 1826.

Journal Register Company owns 18 daily newspapers with a combined daily circulation of approximately 532,000 and 153 non-daily publications that have a combined distribution of 3 million. JRC operations are clustered in five geographical areas: Connecticut, Ohio, Philadelphia and its surrounding area, the greater St. Louis area and central New England.

## New IRA is new concept, as well

Of all the changes introduced in last summer's tax bill, none has received more attention in the popular press than the new "Roth IRA."

This is a brand-new concept: an IRA with no up-front deduction, but the potential for earnings tax free at some point in the future. The potential to access money that has never been taxed (these earnings) without being subject to tax is extremely rare in the Internal Revenue Code and certainly deserves consideration.

Contributions are limited to \$2,000 per year; there is no deduction for tax on contributions. All "qualified distributions" are tax free.

For a distribution to be "qualified," the account must be in its sixth or subsequent year of existence. Additionally, the distribution must be on account of one of the following events:

- Reaching age 59½
- Death of the account holder
- Disability of the account holder
- First-time home purchase (not in excess of \$10,000 per lifetime)

Any distribution that does not meet the above criteria is considered "nonqualified" and thus free from tax to the extent it does not exceed basis. If earnings are included in a nonqualified distribution, they will be taxed and also subject to the 10 percent premature withdrawal penalty.

The ability to make a Roth IRA contribution phases out for adjusted gross income between \$95,000 and \$110,000.

The new type of IRA will not be right for everyone, as it illustrates. However, on the surface it appears that every eligible individual should give it serious consideration. I suggest you consult your financial counselor for more complete details and to determine if this would be beneficial for you.

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## Missouri company to build in Sauget

By Jason White  
Staff writer

A Missouri manufacturer is moving to the Metro East and bringing jobs with it.

Mid-America Fiber Co. of St. Louis is planning to build a plant with 20 jobs at Sauget Industrial Park, company president Dick Kenney said.

"We're putting up a new building over there to accommodate more expansion," Kenney said from the company's Brown Avenue plant. "Of all the places we looked at, (Sauget) seemed to be best."

The Sauget operation will replace the company's plant on Beck Avenue in St. Louis. Construction is expected to start next month and be complete by May.

"The intention is to move more and more stuff out of the old plant," Kenney said.

The company currently has about 90 employees, some of whom will move to the new plant. The company plans to add more employees to the Sauget plant in the next few years, Kenney said.

"It's hard to say (how many)," he said. "It really depends on how fast we grow." The company combines polyester with other materials to produce resilient fabrics used in furniture, bedding, quilts and comforters, Kenney said.

The Sauget plant will house a new product line used for aerospace, automotive and infrastructure applications, Kenney said.

Southwestern Illinois Development Authority Director Alan Orthals said the move illustrates the Metro East's development potential.

"It seems to me that Missouri is waking up to Illinois now," he said. "If you're looking for open space where you can build or expand, Illinois is the place to come."

Developments such as Gateway International Raceway, Mid-America Airport and the MetroLink expansion in St. Clair County are "piquing the curiosity and interest of Missouri," he said.

SWIDA will issue \$3 million in low-interest, tax-exempt industrial bonds to finance the plant's construction. Orthals said the bonds were issued after the company decided to move.

## McCoy

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published for the first time. By the early 1990s, McCoy was working as an editorial cartoonist for the Suburban Journals.

During that time, he joined the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists. The association gave him the opportunity to network and become friends with Pulitzer Prize winners.

McCoy said he got lucky when King Features, the biggest syndicate in the world, published a comic strip he created called "That's My Dog."

"There are five major syndicates and each one receives between 3,000 and 5,000 strips per year. But they only launch two to three strips yearly," McCoy said.

The strip ran for about a year before fizzling out.

"But I learned the ropes and

could list the experience on my resume," he said.

All that experience resulted in the publication of McCoy's work in Playboy, where he is now considered a regular stringer.

Hugh Hefner initials each cartoon he buys," said McCoy, displaying the initial work. Playboy has already purchased another one of McCoy's cartoons for a future issue and is reviewing another batch that McCoy recently submitted to the magazine.

McCoy said he carries a pen and a notepad with him everywhere he goes.

"I even sleep with it by me at night," he said.

McCoy is now working with his brother, Glenn, on the syndication of another comic strip.

"I know I'll do better because I've been through the

ropes and I know what it entails," McCoy said.

When McCoy looks at his work from the early 1990s, he shakes his head in disbelief.

"I can't believe they printed that stuff," he said.

McCoy draws almost every evening in his studio. Although he said his most productive work is usually accomplished in his home studio, he sometimes finds himself drawing ideas in his truck while cruising down the road.

He said he is usually inspired by the text first with the drawing coming second.

"The drawing is more therapeutic and the writing is more of a chore," said McCoy.

Because he is his biggest critic, McCoy sometimes gets frustrated when his drawings don't meet his expectations.

"I'm still evolving," he said.

## Price

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Costello said he is also sponsoring a bill to help extend Metro Link into Belleville.

"MetroLink is a model system of transportation in the country," said Costello, a Transportation Committee member.

An agreement on a balanced budget was "the most significant accomplishment" in the recent session of Congress, Costello said.

"I've co-sponsored a balanced budget amendment for years," he said.

Costello said he was disappointed because a campaign finance reform bill was not passed by the current session of Congress.

"I've co-sponsored a bill for campaign finance reform."

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Kahoks try  
to shake up  
hoop sceneBob  
Emig

Just when everything looked like it was going to fall into place in the Metro East high school boys basketball scene, along comes Collinsville with victories against East St. Louis, Lincoln and Alton.

The Kahoks, after a rare losing season in 1996-97, are now among the area's Class AA elite teams. Coach Bob Emig has righted a ship that looked like it was sinking into another losing season. But the surprising Kahoks — winners of four of their last five — are now 8-5, already matching last season's win total in an 8-17 campaign.

The victory against Lincoln in the third-place game at the Collinsville High School/Schnucks Holiday Classic was most unexpected, considering the Kahoks had been whipped handily by Lincoln earlier in the season. The road victory over Alton also was surprising to most. The Redbirds certainly don't have the team they had last season but they still are formidable, especially on their home court.

So, that brings Collinsville to its next test: a home game Saturday against Belleville East. It will be another gauge of how far they have come, considering the Lancers whipped the Kahoks by 28 points in the semifinals of the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic. Another good showing, and the Kahoks can again be taken serious as a contender in the playoffs. If the Lancers score another decisive win, then East and Edwardsville will clearly stand as the teams to watch.

Edwardsville is off to a marvelous start at 10-4 after convincingly beating East at home. It's the Tigers' best start since the 1988-89 season. Edwardsville has one of the top players in the area in Marquette University-bound Jon Harris, who is averaging 22.7 points and 14.2 rebounds per game.

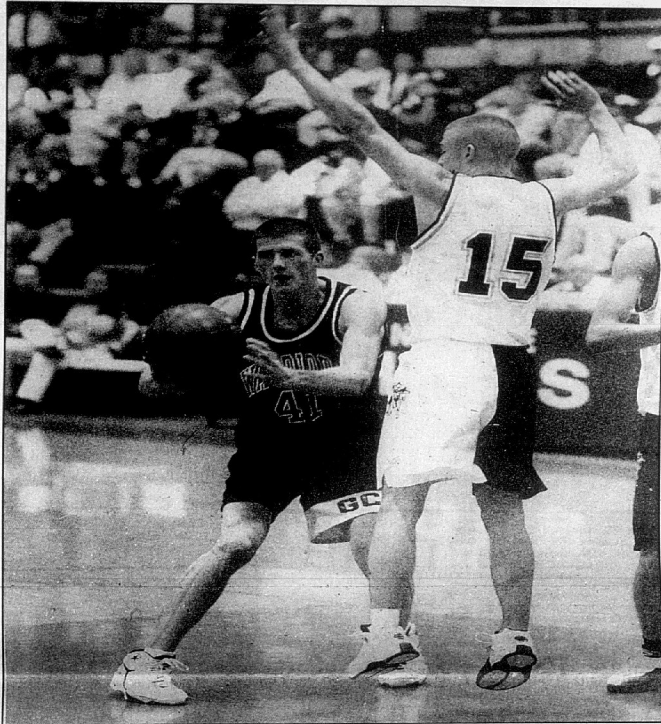
Lincoln remains the wild card in the battle for area supremacy. The Tigers have the area's most imposing frontline, headed by 6-foot-9 super sophomore Darius Miles. However, the Tigers don't have a well-rounded team as their guard play has been erratic. Until they get that straightened out, the Tigers won't be able to jump ahead of either East or Edwardsville.

For East to gain the edge on Edwardsville, the Lancers must get their half-court offense in line. East has been blessed with outstanding athletes in recent years and have been able to use that athleticism to press and run teams off the court. However, it doesn't appear East has the inside game this season to effectively play a half-court game. If the Lancers can remedy that, then they will have the all-around game to beat teams like Quincy and Edwardsville, which have handed the Lancers their only losses of the season after a 10-0 start.

Edwardsville, East and Alton have taken turns representing the area in the Class AA supersectional at the SIU Arena at Carbondale the last three seasons. Both Edwardsville and East certainly appear to have the talent to be there again this season. The front-runners among the southern teams are all from the South Seven Conference — Mount Vernon, Carbondale and Centralia. Any of the teams is capable of being at SIU in March.

The Class A scene, always very competitive in the area, is no different this year. Nashville, which won the tough Mater Dei holiday tournament, is ranked second in the state and the team with the target on its uniforms. The current chasers are Breese Central and Mater Dei, as well as Gibault. Lebanon also could be a factor.

## Warriors shoot down Eagles



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Granite City 6-foot-6 center Chris Tindall contributed 11 points and eight assists on Tuesday night against Civic Memorial.

Near-perfect Granite City  
too much for Civic Memorial

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

BOYS BASKETBALL  
GRANITE CITY 68,  
CIVIC MEMORIAL 57

Dustin Brewer scored 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Tuesday night, leading the Granite City Warriors to a 68-57 victory against visiting Bethalto Civic Memorial.

Brewer nailed all five of his shots in the first quarter — and 14 of 15 on the night — as the Warriors raced to a 17-1 lead less than six minutes into the contest and held a 24-3 cushion after one quarter.

The Eagles never drew closer than the final margin.

"We came out of the gate really strong," said Granite City mentor John Van Buskirk, whose Warriors improved to 9-5. "Defensively, we were very intense and offensively we couldn't do much wrong."

The strength of this team, compared to other teams I've coached here, is that we have a number of players who can score and hurt you. You saw that tonight."

Two other Warriors players hit for double figures: Tim Wallace netting 14 points and Chris Tindall popping in 11, while Matt Pistorius scored eight.

But the night belonged to Brewer.

"Dustin had a great offensive game," said Van Buskirk. "He had some nice, easy shots in there, but he made some credit for giving him some nice passes down low."

Tindall, a 6-foot-6 center, dished out eight assists on the evening, all of them to Brewer.

After Civic Memorial countered a Pistorius fast-break layup with a Jared Watson free throw to start the scoring, Granite City scored 15 unanswered points as Brewer, Wallace and Tindall simply couldn't miss.

The Eagles picked up their first field goal with two minutes remaining in the first

quarter, but the Warriors retaliated with a 7-0 run to close the quarter with a 24-3 lead. The lead jumped to 23 points at the 6:46 mark of the second period before the CM offense finally found its groove.

"CM is not a bad ballclub, but we defended them well and kept them from getting good looks at the basket," said Van Buskirk. "We lost some of our intensity in the second half. After all, we're not accustomed to having big leads. CM did a good job in the second half, but the outcome was never in question."

The Warriors maintained their 21-point lead at the half, sitting atop a 35-14 cushion and coasting the rest of the way. The second half lead grew to as large as 25 points.

While the Granite City defense was choking the life out of the Eagles, its offense was hitting with dead-eye accuracy.

The Warriors hit 11 of 16 field goal attempts in the first quarter (69 percent) and cooled off very little after that. On the night, GCHS canned 31 of 48 field goals, shooting 65 percent from the field.

If there was a down side to the game, it was the Warriors' free-throw shooting. Granite City hit only five of 15 shots from the foul line, a 33 percent clip, and only three of 16 in the second half.

But problems from the line were easily offset by Granite's proficiency from the outside. Particularly its front-line. Tindall, Brewer and Pistorius combined to hit 23 of 28 field goal attempts (82 percent). They also combined for 25 rebounds.

"They're a bigger, more physical team than we're used to playing," said CM coach

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## Granite City in a fog vs. Vikings

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

If it could have been seen, it would not have been a pretty sight.

The visiting Francis Howell Vikings humbled the Granite City Warriors 7-0 Monday night in Mid-States Club Hockey Association action at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

A dense fog settled in at the start of the game, cutting visibility to two-thirds of the rink and shrinking puck visibility to about one-third of the rink. Skaters charging an opponent's goal disappeared into a blank unknown as returned moments later with rumors of a goalie at the other end.

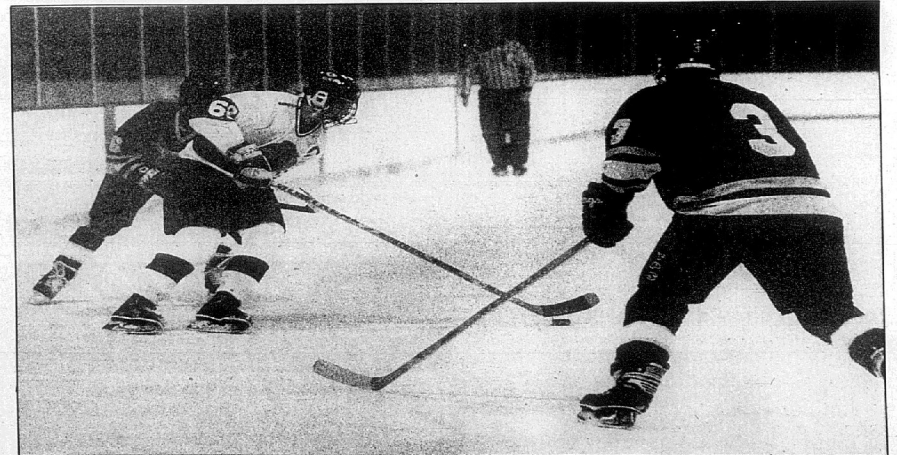
The ice turned to mush, transforming sprints into trudges and sharp cuts into slips and falls. "It was like skating on sand," said one official after the game.

Still, the Vikings played as if they were in another venue, where the conditions were ideal. They outshot the Warriors 49-20 and picked up goals early and often.

Defensively, Howell seldom allowed Granite City deep in the zone, and on those occasions when the Warriors did break through, Dan Wind was solid in goal and snuffed out the attack.

"We knew going in that their goaltending would be tough. They have the two best goalkeepers in the league," said Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich. "No matter who they start in goal (Wind or Joe Cabo), they're hard to get the puck past. I knew what we were up against and I was just hoping for some breaks and some shots, early. But they never came."

At 11:39 of the first period, Howell took a 1-0 lead as Jones, off feed from Dubitsky and Craig, scorched the puck past Warriors goalie Brian Reese, low to his glove side.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Granite City hockey player Bobby Pritchard sets up the Warriors offense in a recent Mid-States Club Hockey Association game. Granite City fell to 7-3-3 with the loss to Howell on Monday.

The margin grew to 2-0 at the 6:22 mark when Granite couldn't clear the puck after a Vikings flurry in front of Reese. Eventually, as Howell kept the pressure on, Sontag scored, with assists to Craig and Brinker.

Howell held a 16-6 edge in shots on goal after one period.

"We started out playing a little reckless — we only sent one forechecker in, and we tried to work on our transition game and tried to clog the middle against them, but they made us look pretty ineffective," said Yurkovich.

The fog, which had begun breaking up late in the first period under the loud and relentless assault of a huge fan, stayed away most of the second period, though it did return late in the frame, laying a thick strip of cloud cover down the bench side of the ice.

Howell, however, was oblivious to conditions.

The Vikings countered a short-lived Warriors attack by pushing the puck up ice along the bench side boards, centering it to Dubitsky, who flicked it back out to the right wing, where Gilbertson's slap shot

bleat Reese knee-high on his glove side. The score, at 9:16, gave Howell a 3-0 lead.

The Vikings scored twice more in the period, taking command of the contest 5-0 with only 15 minutes remaining. After two periods, shots on goal were in the Vikings' favor 26-13.

Matt Wojciechowski replaced Reese in goal for the third period and was promptly greeted by a curtain of ever-thickening fog and the strongest Howell attacks of the night. The Vikings peppered the Warriors goalie with 23

shots on goal, beating him into 28. Granite City won a face-off near its own goal, but could not clear the puck from the zone. Howell took control of the puck and worked it around to the front of the net, where Dubitsky made the Warriors pay.

Then, at 3:32, Gaines stole the puck from a Granite City defenseman who was skating behind the net. Gaines reversed direction, darted to the opposite goal post, and

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# Granite City Elks Soccer Discourse set for Feb. 12

Coaches and soccer enthusiasts are invited to the Granite City Elks' Soccer Discourse '98, a symposium with proceeds being donated to Illinois Elks' Crippled Children.

The symposium is set for Thursday, Feb. 12, costs \$50 per participant and will be held at the Elks Lodge in Granite City. It is designed to benefit crippled children, interested coaches, soccer enthusiasts and the game itself. To register, make a check for \$50 (per person) payable to Granite City Elks Youth Athletics and mail to Gene Baker, 1761 Vista Ridge, St. Louis, Mo. 63138.

The symposium schedule is as follows:  
8 a.m. — Registration.  
8:30-9:15 a.m. — MacMurry College: Bill Killen ("The When and Where of Wall Passing"); Joel Wallace ("Goalie Defense and Restarts").  
9:30-10:15 a.m. — Rockhurst College: Tony Tocco ("System of Play").  
10:30-11:15 a.m. — Indiana University: Mike Freitag ("A Hoosier Recruiter").  
11:15 a.m.-12 noon — DeMet High School: Greg Vitello ("Team Discipline").  
12 noon-1 p.m. — Lunch.  
1:15-1:45 p.m. — Saint Louis University: Bob Warming ("The Attacking Third").  
2:45-3 p.m. — Wright State University: Hilton Deyes ("The Striker").  
3:30-4:15 p.m. — Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville: Brian Korbmeyer ("Goalie Mechanics").  
4:45-5 p.m. — Hospitality.

## Baseball coaching clinic

The Granite City Park District and Granite City High School baseball announce a cooperative Baseball Coaching Clinic, Tuesday-Wednesday (Jan. 27-28) at the Granite City High School Memorial Gymnasium. Sessions are 6:15-8:30 p.m. each night. Instructions, drills and demonstrations will highlight both evening sessions. Topics to be covered include: pitching, catching, outfield play, infield play (by position), hitting and batting.

Registration is taking place at the Granite City Park District office. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$15 for players (7 years old and up), \$20 for an adult and a player, and \$25 for a family (more than two). Enrollment is limited. Volunteer instructors include Kirk Champion, Chicago White Sox pitching coach with 10 years experience, nine as a college pitching coach; Keith Champion, a major league advance scout for the Chicago Cubs with 15 years experience, also a former player, coach and manager; Bob Champion, former GCHS high school coach (1974-80) and former major league scout; and Bob Stegmeier, a former GCHS coach (1974-93) and former professional player. Proceeds will be shared equally by the baseball programs at Granite City High School and the Granite City Park District.

## Pheasant hunting

Pheasant hunting at Horseshoe Lake in Madison County began Dec. 17 and ends Jan. 19.

Hunting is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Hunting fee is \$22 for two pheasants (either sex). On Jan. 15, both pheasant and quail may be hunted. Rabbits may also be hunted, beginning Jan. 18. Reservations made after Dec. 17 should be made by

calling Horseshoe Lake at 931-0270 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## Steelers Pee wee hockey

The Granite City/East Alton Steelers Pee wee Hockey Team recently finished second in the 16-team Shillagh Invitational Tournament at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

They dominated their conference and the semifinals, defeating teams from Michigan and Illinois — including Mount Clemens (3-1), Glen Ellyn (5-2), Homewood-Flossmoor (7-1) and Rockford (3-1).

The Steelers were defeated in the championship game by Naperville, 3-1.

Playing for this year's Pee wee A Steelers, a 12- and 13-year-old division team, were: Josh Anderson, Cole Bensa, Ryan Burns, Ryan Emerick, Nathan Gaudreault, Cory Georger, John Lipski, Jason Miller, Steve Nilkovich, Brett Rodgers, Ryan Schuette, J.P. Thatcher, Phillip Whitehead, Ryan Tomas, Craig Wright and Nathan Zeller. The head coach was Terry Pritchard, assistant coaches were Larry Thatcher, Mike Thomas and Dana Emerick.

## Spring flag football league

The Budweiser Flag Football League is starting its fifth season.

Applications are being taken for the 1998 spring season. Play will begin on the first of March and continue through the first of May. Cash prizes will be awarded. Space is limited and the league is forming fast. Entry deadline is Feb. 28.

For more information, please call 277-9727.

Persons with prior football experience and who are interested in refereeing flag football may contact the Budweiser Flag Football League at 277-9727. Referees are needed for the spring and fall sessions in Belleville, Ill.

## Metro FC teams place

The Metro FC Rangers under-13 girls soccer team won first place in the under-14 select division of the Sportsplex tournament. The Rangers compiled a 2-1-1 record and outscored their opponents 21-14. They defeated the O'Fallon Express (8-3), the Fairview Heights Lightning (8-4) and tied Belleville FC (3-3).

Players for the Rangers are Elizabeth Hudlin, Katie Steiger, Erin Stahlschmidt, Kara Henke, Kate Tomlinson, Jill Ash, Jenny Fredrick, Crystal Anderson, Whitney Scott, Wendy Sierra, Lindsey Grosski and Sarah Newman. The team is coached by Herb Foerster.

Julia Klopmeier led the scoring with seven goals and three assists while Amy Mayes scored six goals and two assists. Tiffany Humphrey had four goals and four assists. Casey Wible had two goals, Liz Dawson had six assists, and Peggy McGinnis had three assists. Brittany Bauer, Stacy Gillson and Hsiaolet Miller each had one assist.

Goalkeeper Lauren Hahn won three games while Chrissy Nagle won one game in goal while tallying a goal and an assist in other games. Other team members are Morgan Rousseau and Mindy Stack. The team is coached by Herb Foerster.

The Metro FC Rangers under-18 girls team took first place in the 18-under select division of the Sportsplex tournament. The Rangers defeated Belleville West 8-2 in the championship game. For the tournament, they outscored their opponents 29-5.

Players for the Rangers are Brandi Packer, Shari Meyer, Katie Kriskchke, Felicia Mohsen, Jamie Raub, Abbie Perez, Niki Delgado, Cara LeMaster,



## Tourney champs

The Elks 88 girls soccer team won first place at the Post-Dispatch Gateway East Heritage Classic Tournament, conducted Oct. 24-26 on the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville campus. The team won its four games by a combined score of 23-4, defeating Avalon (4-1), Metro FC (8-0), the Florissant, Mo., Cougars (7-1) and Sporting FC of Peoria (4-2). Members of the team (from left to right) are: In front — Kelsey Johnson, Sarah Hartzel, Nyla Cauble, Amie Carr, Carrie Brown, Tasha Dittamore, Erin Dix and Taylor Hays; In back — coach Pat Dittamore, Jennifer Ritchie, Amy Stidham, Kayla Benham, Carey Burton, coach Ed Williamson and Lauran Stovall.

Katie Flower, Christina Bologna, Sherra Fischer, Kristen Simon, Shannon Bramble, Lacy Hampton and Jody Bales. The team is coached by Herb Foerster.

The Metro FC Rangers 14-under girls squad placed in the under-14 select division of the Sportsplex tournament. The Rangers compiled a 2-1-1 record and outscored their opponents 21-14. They defeated the O'Fallon Express (8-3), the Fairview Heights Lightning (8-4) and tied Belleville FC (3-3).

Players for the Rangers are Elizabeth Hudlin, Katie Steiger, Erin Stahlschmidt, Kara Henke, Kate Tomlinson, Jill Ash, Jenny Fredrick, Crystal Anderson, Whitney Scott, Wendy Sierra, Lindsey Grosski and Sarah Newman. The team is coached by Herb Foerster.

## Sting U-12 wins

The Mendoza Sting under-12 girls soccer team from the Metro East area won first place in the Family Sportsplex/BFC Christmas Tournament in Belleville. Members of the team are Dana Beshears, Heather Martin, Michele Martin, Lindsey Varner (all of Collinsville); Natalie Lopez (of Belleville); Beth Howard (of Glen Carbon); Lindsey Bayer, Lindsay Boyer, Katie Rook, Alyson Streid (of Granite City); Rachel Castee (of O'Fallon); and Katie Engel (from Troy).

## YMCA league

The Collinsville Maryville Troy YMCA will offer an open men's basketball league beginning Wednesday. The league plays for seven weeks with

sessions 6-10 p.m. at North Junior High. Cost is \$190 per team and \$15 per game to officials. For information, call the Y office at 346-5600.

## Adult hockey league

Christian Hockey Ministries seeks players for adult hockey league teams. For more information, call Tom Hunter at 632-8061.

## Fishing seminar

The Belleville Parks and Recreation Department and Belleville Area College are sponsoring the sixth annual Spring Bass Fishing Seminar with Glenn Dalton, host of "Bass Fishing with Glenn Dalton." The seminar will be 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the BAC Theatre. Admission is \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door.

Pre-registration is encouraged due to limited seating capacity, your admission fee

must be included with your registration.

Registration forms can be picked up at Belleville City Hall, Nichols Community Center, Belleville libraries, Belleville Sport Sales, The Boat Place, Hylsky's Marine, Basic Hardware, Belleville Bowling and Sport Shop, Curt Smith Sporting Goods, Boeying's Barber Shop, Hubbard's Pro-Am Shop in O'Fallon, Rich's Rod & Reel Repair in New Athens or call Todd Strubhart at 233-1416.

## Krause Sports Club

The R.J. Krause All-Star Sports Club of East St. Louis is in need of basketball players and tournaments. The program has teams for boys in grades 3-9 and teams for girls in grades 4-9.

The club also needs cheerleading and basketball uniforms as well as sports equipment. For more information,

call Richard "R.J." Krause at 398-1201 or write to R.J. at 820 N. 71st St., East St. Louis, Ill., 62203.

## MVCHA scholarships

The Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association has announced that two \$500 scholarships will be awarded this year following the 1997-98 hockey season.

All high school seniors who play for their high school hockey team in the MVCHA this season will be eligible to compete for the scholarships. Selections will be approved for distribution by the MVCHA Board of Directors. Scholarships will be distributed directly to the college, trade school, vocational school or community college of the student's choice.

Contact team coaches for an application for the scholarship program. Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 1998.

## Hockey

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stuffed the puck in net on the goalie's stick side. That ended the scoring and, from a Granite City perspective, the misery.

Howell outshot the Warriors 23-7 as the Vikings dominated

the frame.

"I thought we did pretty good defensively through most of two periods, then we broke down," said Yurkovich. "But we just couldn't get any offense going. We didn't have many chances, but when we did get them, their goalie came up big. To beat a team like this, you have to get second and third shots, you have to get the rebounds, but their kid just wouldn't let us have them. He really shut down."

"Their defense did a good

job of keeping us from crashing the net on our shots, and their goalie just denied everything we sent at him. He clears the puck so well. Even on a good night, it's hard to beat a team like this."

Francis Howell improved to 8-3-1 in league play, while Granite City dropped to 7-3-3. The Warriors' next action is Saturday at North County against McCluer North. The puck drops at 9:30 p.m.

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## WEDDINGS

## Krakowiecki — Searcy

Christina Marie Krakowiecki and James Fredrick Searcy were united in marriage by the Rev. Greg Green on April 2, 1997 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Clayton, Mo.

The bride is the daughter of Casey and Georgann Krakowiecki of Granite City. A 1989 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, she is employed with Delco Electronics in Tucson, Ariz. as a computer engineer.

The groom is the son of James Searcy of Minot, N.D. and Kayleen Searcy of Elkhart, Ind. A 1986 graduate of Elkhart Central High School, he earned his bachelor's degree from General Motors Institute in 1991 and his Master's Degree from the University of Michigan in 1994. He is employed with H.E. Microwave as a systems integration engineer.



Christina and James Searcy

A reception was held at the Holiday Inn Clayton Plaza. Following a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple now resides in Tucson, Ariz.

## Krakowiecki — Mitchell

Amy Elizabeth Krakowiecki and Jeffrey Kelly Mitchell were joined in Holy Matrimony by Father Tom Liebler at St. Elizabeth's Church in Granite City on August 9, 1997.

The bride is the daughter of Casey and Georgann Krakowiecki of Granite City. The groom is the son of Jerry and Ruth Mitchell of La Porte, Texas.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Granite City High School and earned a bachelor's degree in Justice Systems in 1997 from Truman State University. She is employed as a 911 Emergency Response Facilitator for Macon County. The groom graduated from La Porte High School and the Missouri State Police Academy. He is now working as a Police Officer in Marceline, Mo.



Amy and Jeffrey Mitchell

After a honeymoon trip to Wisconsin, Jeff and Amy make their home in Marceline, Mo.

## ENGAGEMENT

## Annable — Love

Kimberly Annable, daughter of James and Linda Annable of Granite City and Guy Love, son of John and Joan Love of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Annable of Granite City is a 1993 graduate of Granite City High School, attends Belleville Area College and is employed by Mrs. Seibolds Bake Shop of Granite City as a sales clerk.

Love is a 1993 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by Allied Healthcare Products of St. Louis as a packer/materials handler. The couple is planning a June, 1998 wedding at the New Life Assembly Church in Granite City.



Kimberly Annable and Guy Love

## MILITARY

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class JERE L. HEUER, son of Jerry L. and Betty L. Heuer of Rapp Road, Granite City, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Lake Champlain.

Heuer is one of more than 300 Sailors aboard the ship, which departed its homeport in San Diego, in September as part of the USS Nimitz Battle Group, comprised of 10 tactical aircraft squadrons, eight ships and two submarines. USS Lake Champlain is currently in the Arabian Gulf participating in Operation Southern Watch, which enforces the no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

Heuer's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapon system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

The 1987 graduate of Granite City High School joined the Navy in April 1989.

Army National Guard Pvt. LESLIE A. SAMPSON has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Wayneville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Sampson is the daughter of Yvonne G. Sampson of Granite City. She is a 1996 graduate of Granite City High School.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class RAMON A. MITCHELL, son of Patricia Whitcomb of Venice, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Mitchell's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons, and shore commands around the world. Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Mitchell are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical force in history.

The 1996 graduate of Madison High School joined the Navy in December 1996.

## BIRTHS

## Ashley Durbin

CHARLES AND JODY DURBIN of Glen Carbon announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Ashley Paige Durbin was born at 2:40 p.m. Dec. 5, 1997 at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and joins Gregory, 4.

Her maternal grandparents are Patrick and Sandy Cline of Granite City. Bob Durbin of Highland and Linda Yorker of Freeburg are her paternal grandparents.

## Kaley Mattheatt

DR. MICHAEL AND JANET MATTHEATT of San Francisco have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Kaley Colleen Mattheatt weighed 8 pounds, and eight ounces and was born on Dec. 14, 1997.

Granite City are her maternal grandparents.

Her paternal grandparents are Joe and Lorene Fox of Paterson, Mo. formerly of Granite City.

The new parents are both 1981 graduates of Granite City High School.

## Caddie Coy

CALLIE COY of Granite City has announced the birth of her first child, a daughter.

Caddie Jade Coy was born at 4:09 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces.

Callie Hunt of Granite City is her maternal grandparent.

## Bailey Bennett

FRANK AND SUE BENNETT of Granite City announced the birth of their

fourth child, a daughter.

Bailey Anne Bennett was born at 12:35 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and joins Scott, 17, Andrea, 14 and Jenna, 5.

Her maternal grandparent is Irene Birkner of Millstadt.

Frank Bennett of Granite City and Brenda Hansen of Collinsville are her paternal grandparents.

## Elizabeth Dawes

RICHARD AND MELISSA DAWES of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Elizabeth KayeAnn Dawes was born at 8:07 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Howard and Sandra Lynch of Granite City.

Robert and Patricia Dawes of Granite City are her paternal grandparents.

## Parker Magyar

JAMIE OLIVER AND BLAZE MAGYAR of Granite

City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter. Parker Elizabeth Magyar was born at 11:21 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds.

George and Diane Oliver of Granite City are her maternal grandparents.

Her paternal grandparents are Rory Magyar and Tamara Fleig of Granite City.



From left, front row: Harlon Keel, Lea Haddis, Shannon Keel, Donna Moseley, Amanda Petras, Dawn Staggs, Holly Bradshaw, Gail Miller. Middle row: Sara Meyers, Michelle Staggs, Jessica Kahle, Stephanie Sanders. Back row: Danielle Gibbons, Tasha Sanders, Whitney Cornett, Jennifer Mouser.

## Bethel #43 installs officers

Bethel #43 of Granite City of the International Order of Jobs Daughters held its annual Installation of Officers on Dec. 7, 1997.

Donna Moseley was installed as Honored Queen; Amanda Petras was the retiring Honored Queen. Gail Miller is the Bethel Guardian and Harlon Keel is the Associate Bethel Guardian.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

## City shift

## affects families

The shift from the farm to cities, the decline in the number of children in families and the increase in the number of women in the workforce are all factors that have affected families in the 20th century.

These and other issues will be discussed in the program, "The Changing American Family," which will be presented on Monday, Jan. 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the Madison County Farm Bureau Auditorium, 900 Hillsboro in Edwardsville.

The program is sponsored by the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service and will be taught by Mary Lou Garbe.

Local organizations that would like to have this topic presented to their group are encouraged to send a representative to be trained and then present it to your group.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## Time too short: Many celebrities died in '97

By Kevin Carbery  
Correspondent

Before we leave 1997 completely behind, I would like to take note of all the celebrities who left us during the year.

Maybe I am starting to sound like an old man, but I can not recall another year when so many familiar and notable people passed away. There were elderly folks who had led long, full lives, such as Jimmy Stewart and James Michener, and there were young people taken in the prime of life, such as comedian Chris Farley, who was 33, and singer Jeff Buckley, who was 30.

Of course, the world took notice of the deaths of Princess Diana, who was 36, and Mother Teresa, who was 87. Mother Teresa's was an incredible life envied by many of us who would like to have even a small portion of her humanity. Princess Di's was a public life with many comforts, but also many troubles.

The saying goes that celebrities die in threes, but it seemed as though they went in numbers far greater than that

## TRIVIA

over the last 12 months. Among the famous individuals who passed on were Robert Mitchum, Red Skelton, Nicolette Larson, Burgess Meredith, John Denver, William Burroughs, Laura Nyro, Michael Hutchence, Brian Keith, Pat Paulsen, Gianni Versace, Jacques Cousteau, James Dickey, Denver Pyle, Col. Tom Parker and most recently Michael Kennedy and Sonny Bono.

In addition, Jean Calment of France died at the age 122. She holds the record for oldest verifiable age attained, yet even she could not make it through the year. The celebrity death that hit me the hardest was the loss of columnist Mike Royko, who died April 29 at 64. He was a terrific writer who had a great sense of humor, but also the courage to attack people who would dare try to take advantage of positions of power. When I was in college at Mizou, I had the good fortune to hear Mike speak on campus and it was one of the thrills of

my life.

For this week's trivia, the questions concern famous people who died during 1997.

1. Who was the former St. Louis Cardinal who set the wheels in motion for baseball free agency when he refused to go to the Phillies after he was traded?
2. "I Cried a Tear" was the top hit by which rhythm and blues singer?
3. Who starred in the films "A Confederate Yankee" and "The Fuller Brush Man"?
4. Who played Hank Kimball on the sitcom "Green Acres"?
5. Jean Calment, who died at 122 on Aug. 4, attributed her long life to the consumption of what two items?
6. Who was the announcer on the radio show "Bet Your Life" with Groucho Marx?
7. Boxer Tony Zale, who died at 83 on March 20, beat Rocky Graziano how many times out of their three bouts?
8. What was the first novel published by James Michener, who died Oct. 25?
9. Jimmy Stewart, who died at 89 on July 2, won his only Oscar for which film?
10. Character actor Jesse White appeared in many films and television programs, but is best known for appearing in commercials for what company?

Answers: 1. Curt Flood, who died at 59 on Jan. 20. 2. LaVern Baker, who died at 67 on March 20. 3. Red Skelton, who died at 84 on Sept. 17. 4. Alvy Moore, who died at 75 on May 4. 5. Olive oil and port wine. 6. George F. Gorman, who died at 77 on May 29. 7. Zale won two of the three fights. 8. "Tales of the South Pacific," in 1948. 9. "The Philadelphia Story." 10. He was the lonely Maytag repairman. He died at 79 on Jan. 9.

Kevin Carbery can be heard as a regular on "The Trivia Coast-to-Coast Show" from 8 to 11 p.m. Sundays on radio station KMOX-AM (1120).

## Bond retreads beginning to wear thin 'Jackie Brown' stacks up for Tarantino

In its 18th installment, "Tomorrow Never Dies," the James Bond franchise exhibits signs of wear, despite two favorable elements: a first-class villain more ruthless than Dr. No and a heroine who can match 007 in cunning and combat.

This time out, Bond is back on familiar territory: stopping World War III. The plot is instigated by a megalomaniacal media czar whose worldwide empire includes newspapers, magazines, television, movies, publishing and satellites. He thinks it would be a dandy idea to start a rocket-shooting contest between Britain and China, giving his media a scoop on the events.

From his headquarters in Hamburg, Germany, Elliot Carver (Jonathan Pryce) directs an army and navy of loyal thugs in carrying out his schemes. First he uses a navigational satellite to send a British warship off-course into Chinese waters. Beijing issues warnings, but the ship mistakenly continues. He dispatches a torpedo that drills a hole in the ship's hull and sinks it. War is threatened.

Obviously a case for Bond, James Bond. In his first Bond film since the highly successful "GoldenEye," Pierce Brosnan discovers an ally when he infiltrates a reception at the Carver headquarters. The current Mrs. Carver (Tina Turner) happens to be an old flame of Bond's. The affair is reignited, and Bond learns more of Carver's plot. She learns you can't fool Elliot Carver. Carver operates a stealth



Pierce Brosnan and Michelle Yeoh in a scene from the United Artists' film, 'Tomorrow Never Dies.'

vessel that resembles a low-lying lump of land, but actually contains enough electronic gear to light a medium-size city. It also contains a rocket, which Carver intends to fire on Beijing. He assumes the Chinese would consider it the British retaliation. War would begin.

Bond is dispatched to prevent this disaster. He finds an unlikely ally in Wai Lin (Michelle Yeoh), a lithe, limber agent of the Chinese, who is just as anxious as the British to defuse the plot. Carrying on for the late Cubby Broccoli, producers Michael G. Wilson and Cubby's daughter, Barbara Broccoli, say they have invested all the traditional values in "Tomorrow Never Dies." What does that mean?

The two imperatives for a Bond movie are the prologue caper and the final mop-up. Both are disappointingly flat. In the former, Bond flies a plane and a nuclear weapon out of an enemy encampment. The latter is the standard explosive destruction of the evil mastermind's headquarters.

The locations, though, are eye-filling: France, Thailand, Germany, Mexico, where the company filmed in the water tank built for "Titanic." British and the United States (for the skydiving at Key West). Director Roger Spottiswoode combines the multitude of elements into a swift narrative. Brosnan now seems at perfect ease in the 007 guise. He might well enjoy a run rivaling Sean

Connery's and Roger Moore's. Pryce, the accomplished British actor recently seen in "Carrington," "Evita," and "Carry On," draws a chilling portrait of the diabolical Elliot. Michelle Yeoh brings her expertise honed in Hong Kong chop-and-sock movies. It's comforting to see again the Bond regulars: Judi Dench, the latter-day M; Joe Don Baker, the loudmouthed American; and Desmond Llewelyn as Q, the exasperated supplier of Bond's armory and gadgets.

The United Artists release was written by Bruce Feirstein. Rated R for violence. Running time: 118 minutes. — Associated Press

By Ronnie Roy  
Staff writer

Following up 1994's "Pulp Fiction" had to be a daunting task for Quentin Tarantino. "Jackie Brown" shows the talented director was up for the task.

"Jackie Brown" follows the same formula of sharp dialogue, memorable characters and complex plot that make Tarantino popular with critics, actors and audiences. First, one of his employees, Beaumont Livingston (Chris Tucker), ends up in jail. Robbie goes through bail bondsman Max Cherry (Robert Forster) to get him out, then takes him out that night to an empty lot and gives him the company retirement money. Robbie explains to his new associate, Lewis (Robert DeNiro), Livingston probably would have gone to jail, and Robbie isn't going to let anyone interfere with his retirement.

Meanwhile, Brown gets stopped in an airport parking lot by Ray Nicolet (Michael Keaton), an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Ray is after Robbie, and finds a large amount of cash in his bag. Robbie is once again calling on Cherry to bail out one of his employees.

Beaumont takes an interest in Brown, and tips her off that Robbie has recently terminated (literally) Livingston. So when Robbie shows up at Brown's apartment that night, she's ready for him. That night they make a deal in which she will smuggle all his money back into the country, they will pull over on the ATF, and the two of them will divvy up the cash. Unless she decides to double-cross Robbie as well. Based on the novel "Rum Punch" by Elmore Leonard, "Jackie Brown" is a fascinating, intricate crime caper. Tarantino's previous films, but profanity and drug use continue to play a large role. Music is another important component, and you'll probably leave the theater with an appreciation for the Deftones and Bobby Womack.

Despite the presence of DeNiro, Jackson and Keaton, the real standout performances are by Grier and Forster. By the time the film you are really drawn into those two.

## 'Grease' auditions next week

The Collinsville Area Theatrical Society will hold auditions for "Grease" at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 12-13, at Miner's Theatre, 204 W. Main, Collinsville.

Be prepared to sing 32 bars of one upbeat song of your choice, as well as 32 bars of a ballad of your choice. Bring sheet music or accompaniment.

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romantic partner is confused, it will rub off on you. Re-establishing old contacts will bring more money into the mix. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Avoid passing judgment without knowing the facts. You like to control love, but the more spontaneous it is, the longer it will last. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Be scrupulous with your records because others could ask for proof of your expenses. You will receive a financial windfall. Renew your efforts to win back a former love. A sibling will provide insight into your romance. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Conclusions are not as final as you think. Your creativity thrives under pressure. Why not take a talented young colleague under your wing? **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Make an appearance at a work-related gathering, even if you are not on the clock. Avoid criticizing your loved ones, especially in public. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** A love-hate relationship turns neutral. People want to say yes to you, but you have to show them your best first. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** A powerful love interest will assist you with your career. Remain friendly with former co-workers and employers. You will find a new job.

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**GENERATION JESUS YOUTH GROUP**, led by youth minister, 6 to 8 p.m. every Sunday at Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, 2020 Johnson Road, holds Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

**ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 2101 Cleveland Blvd. holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and has preschool available. Morning worship services at 10:15 a.m. Nursery available. Everyone is welcome.

## Community

**MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP**, meets at 7 p.m. the fifth Monday of each month. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

**MITCHELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** 2 monthly meeting, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, Mayville and Old Alton roads.

## Dance

**MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB (MUSIC)**, regular monthly meeting is held every other

Sunday evening at the American Legion Hall in Collinsville. Non-members welcome. Dance lessons from beginning to advance are given from 6-8 p.m. Open dancing in the main hall is open from 8-10 p.m. at a cost of \$4 for nonmember and \$2 for members.

**BOOTS & SLIPPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB**, square dance lessons, 7 to 9 p.m. every Monday. St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairview Heights. The cost is \$2.50 per person, per lesson. For more information, call 797-6528 or 344-4636.

## Food/Nutrition

**POLISH PIEROGI SALE**, Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, 930 Reynolds, Madison, first Saturday of the month. Seven varieties: cabbage, cheese, kraut, potato, sausage and kraut, plum pudding and taco. Carry-outs only. Special seasonal feature: Whole plum pierogi, \$6 per dozen. Cooked and ready to heat and eat. Order ahead by calling 876-5860, 876-3696, or 931-3367.

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH** monthly country breakfast the second Saturday of every month, at 2001 St. Clair Ave. Meals are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, sausage, homemade jellies, coffee and more. Call 451-7788 for more information.

**RESCUE MISSION**, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Samuel Turner is the chairman. Valinda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

**GRANITE CITY FOURSQUARE CHURCH**, 12th Street and Edwardsville Road, hot meals served free of charge, the last Monday of each month, to those in need or those who just want someone to talk to. Open to public. For information or a ride, call 451-9635.

## Health/Exercise

**Bemis Chiropractic**, 3361 Fehling Road in Granite City, is offering FREE ELECTRONIC SPINAL SCREENINGS from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Thursday. Call 876-2273 for more information.

**TOPS 2363**, 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For more information call Bobbie at 452-0273.

**FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS**, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.

**TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**, 6 p.m. every Monday, Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City 876-2124.

**TOPS 1165**, 7 p.m. every Monday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.

**TOPS 1689 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** will meet at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., call 797-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

**TOPS 11217**, 6 p.m. every Tuesday, Briarcliff Pentecostal Church, 1120

Pontoon Road, Granite City, downstairs, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Anyone age 7 or above with a weight problem is welcome. For more information call Lisa at 931-3602.

**ST. ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM** will present a talk on "ABCs for Academic Success: Setting Limits and the Onset" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 in the Weisner Room at SEMC. The presenter will be Martha Milburn, a teacher with the Behavioral Health System. The talk is free and open to the public. To register or for more information, call 798-3889.

## Organizations

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340**, meets at Granite City Township Hall second Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 5 p.m., refreshments served at 6 p.m. For information call 877-3020.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP** of Central Christian Church meets at 8:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month for breakfast and fellowship. For more information and/or location of meetings call 931-2098.

**GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN**, meeting at Janssen's, 451-5008, 7 p.m., second Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15 p.m. Open to the public. For more information call 452-5391 or 451-6914.

**NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN**, third Wednesday of each month, noon to 2 p.m., at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend a get \$4 off your next lunch at Noon Networking.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** of Central Christian Church meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**, a hereditary group for descendants of over age 12 of Confederate veterans, meets every third Thursday of every other month at Ravenna's Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-3085 for more information.

**NAVY MOTHERS CLUBS OF AMERICA**, meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Granite City. Mother, father, daughter, wives or sisters of former and present Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or Sea Bees are encouraged to join. For further information, call 931-2296 or 876-2200.

**THE SARAH AND DORCAS CIRCLES OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets at 5:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

**THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

**LYDIA CIRCLE of Nameoki United Methodist Church** meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information phone, 877-1936.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** will meet at 10 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at St. John United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road. Installation of officers will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 23.

**MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA Life Insurance Society** meets the last Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Ravenna's Restaurant in Granite City.

**THE JOLLY QUILTERS**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Thursday at the Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

**GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND** rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 931-0443.

**PRESSBETTER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PITTSBURGH**, District 491, Granite City Council, meets at 9 p.m., first Friday of each month, at Third Baptist Church, 26th Street and Grand Avenue, Granite City. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7595, and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

**GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR** meets the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

**DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION SOCIETY**, 8 p.m., second Friday of each month, Granite City, 876-7715.

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**THE PONTON BEACH JAYCEES** regular meeting is held at 7:30 p.m., the first and third Sunday of each month, at Ralph and Charlie's Steak House. The meetings are open and the public is invited.

**METRO EAST LANDLORD'S ASSOCIATION** meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

**CAMERA EXPLORERS CLUB**, Hartford Public Library, 143 W. Hawthorne St., Pontoon Beach, meets each month, call Beverly Zeger, 264-9394.

**ELKETTES**, Granite City Lodge 1063, Mayville Road, 8:30-9:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month except July, and August.

**MADISON COUNTY LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION**, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone in legal profession, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 485-4400.

**MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION**, Granite City unit, noon, first Tuesday of each month, Anchorage Recreation Center. For more information call 876-7026 or 931-3735.

**TRIO UNIT, MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION**, noon, first Tuesday of each month, Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Washburn Ave., Granite City.

**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL** meets the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Shoney's, Highway 157 (at Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 692-6026 or 344-2898.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NAFPE)** Chapter 1307 meets the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 11:30 a.m. at Chatham's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 876-8450.

**BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL**, 3101 Madison Ave., 451-5008, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

**BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS**, Granite City Lodge 1063, Mayville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE**, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 4TH DEGREE**, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

**BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS**, Granite City Lodge 1063, Mayville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month.

**JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #43** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

**GRANITE CITY KIWANIS** meet at Shoney's, 157 Highway, every Tuesday.

The Troy/Mayville/Collinsville chapter of BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L (BN) meets every Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Randy's Restaurant in Troy. For more information, please call Lisa at 617-9340.

**BURT - BUBBLEMASTERS UNDERWATER RESCUE TEAM** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 4964 Old Alton Road next door to the Mitchell Fire Department in Granite City. Tours are available by appointment, please call 931-8317 or write to the address mentioned above.

**MADISON COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCE ALLIANCE** will meet from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at Milonski Room at Church, Mitchell, 800-307-6600. For Directions and information call, 462-4883, extension 104.

**NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR** meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at the Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

**TRIPLE LODGE 835, A.F. and A.M.** meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

**SCHOOL OF METAPHYSICS**, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., every Tuesday, 9459 Roubidoux Road, Granite City. In applied metaphysics. Call Melanie McManus at 425-0076.

**Seniors**

**PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**, 9 a.m., every Thursday, 11:30 a.m., 3910 Illinois 111, Pontoon Beach.

**CHOUTEAU TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS** meets the fourth Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., Potluck, Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

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**EAGLE PARK ACRES SENIORS OF MADISON** meet every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison.

**FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS**, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCCHIO CLUB** for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Pontoon Beach. Call 877-0350 for more information.

**PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS** pot luck dinner the last Saturday of each month, 5 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

**SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB**, meets the first Sunday of the month at the

Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. There will be bingo (first Sunday of the month), Doors open 12:30 p.m., games start at 2 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details. Every other month on the fourth Monday there is bingo or a dance. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m. refreshments served, and dance or bingo starts at 7 p.m.

**SOCIAL CLUB**, business meeting, 6 p.m., fourth Monday of every other month, Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. Dessert is served following the meeting. Games and bingo are played at 7 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details.

**PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS**, meeting, third Tuesday of each month, 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

## Support Groups

**STROKE SUPPORT GROUP**, for patients, their families and caregivers, 8:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month, in Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Refreshments are served. Call 798-3018 for more information.

**PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP**, for persons with diagnosed lung conditions, 11 a.m. to noon every Wednesday in 4-Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3018.

**ALANON**, 9:30 a.m. every Monday, 2116 Edison, Granite City. Call 463-2429 for more information.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. every Wednesday, 2116 Edison, Granite City. Call 800-307-6600.

**ALANON ADULT CHILDREN** meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 2100 Madison Ave. in the Kettler Center. Thursday meetings are in Conference Rm. A. Call 463-2429 for more information.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 8 p.m. every Wednesday, St. Elizabeth School's Noah's Ark Day Care, Pontoon Road, Granite City. The next meeting is Monday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday of the month.

**PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP**, meets 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., first and third Tuesday of each month. For information on where meeting will be, call Elaine Seary at 462-2714 or 1-800-307-6600.

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP** meets from 7 to 9 p.m., second Thursday of each month, in Pascal Hall at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in Granite City. Call 800-307-6600 or 451-0728 for more information.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., third Thursday of each month, in the President's Room, inside Bonaventure's Cafeteria, on the ground floor of the Elks Club, 2100 Madison Ave. The group focuses on addressing the questions and concerns of caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's. All meetings are open to community members. Call 798-3018 for more information.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 8 p.m. every Thursday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 8 p.m., every Thursday, Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, 800-307-6600.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 11 a.m., every Thursday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison Ave., Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

**ALANON**, 7 p.m. every Thursday, St. Elizabeth Hospital, 2100 Madison Ave. Kettler Center, Conference Rm. A. For more information, call 463-2429.

**ALATEEN AND PREALATEEN PROGRAM** for 12 to 17 age group, and prelateen for seven to 11 year age group, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Elizabeth Hospital, 2100 Madison Ave. Kettler Center, Dayroom. For more information call 463-2429.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**, Seeking recovery, 8 p.m. every Thursday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot line 368-9409.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS**, second Friday of each month (September through May), 7:30 p.m., St. Boniface School, 128 N. Buchanan, Edwardsville.

**HEREDITARY ATAXIA** (a disorder of nerve cells in the spinal cord and cerebellum) SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Call Curt Williams, 876-7342, for more information.

**ALANON** meets at 8 p.m. every Friday in the Milonski Room in the basement at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 463-2429 for more information.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, noon and 8 p.m., every Friday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

**STEMS (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Health and Sobriety)**, A support group for people with a mental illness and an alcohol or substance abuse problem, meets every Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3604 for more information.

**DEPRESSIVE MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF MADISON COUNTY** will meet from 1 to 3 p.m., every Friday, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, in the Milonski Room located in the basement. For more information, call the DMDA office at (314) 776-3669.



## Saturday school —

Above, Shirley and Jim Cropper of Glen Carbon practice words that they have learned in the Basics of Signing workshop offered through Bellevue Area College's Saturday Experience program at the Granite City Campus. In the class, students learned simple words and phrases in sign language. At left, Pat Adams of Collinsville paints leaves in the Introduction to Watercolor class. Students painted floral designs, landscapes and a greeting card. Below, Laura Gerson of Collinsville studies her computer screen in Windows '95 for Absolute Beginners. In that class, students learned basic skills necessary to operate the software program. The Saturday Experience program offers non-credit workshops throughout the year, ranging from arts and crafts to computers.



(BAC photos)



## Safe landing

### 'Heroes' save plane-crash survivors

By Mary Shapiro  
Staff writer

An airplane crash Wednesday afternoon in the median of Interstate 64 (Highway 40) in Chesterfield Valley seriously injured three men, with the pilot and others emerging as heroes.

Emergency workers praised the action of the pilot in avoiding a potential catastrophe — the plane didn't collide with any cars or nearby property on the heavily traveled road.

Others commended four medical personnel who stopped to help victims of the crash.

In the plane were pilot and three passengers: Daniel Cross, 53, of Jennings; Copilot Daniel Triska, 38, of St. Louis; and a passenger, Roland Eckstein, 46, of St. Charles.

As of Friday, Cross was in critical but stable condition; Triska was in satisfactory condition; and Eckstein was in serious but stable condition, said Regina DeLuca, a spokeswoman for St. John's Mercy Medical Center in Creve Coeur, where the men are recuperating.

Within seconds of the crash, four medical personnel — two paramedics and two nurses — were driving on I-64 stopped to help the injured.

"When I got to the scene, these four people had victims covered up with blankets and were administering help," said Dick Hrabko, director of aviation for St. Louis County.

"They showed great professionalism and compassion," he said. "I really think the excellent emergency treatment by these folks — before the paramedics arrived — had a lot to do with the men's survival."

Westbound I-64 lanes were closed about 1.5 hours, and eastbound lanes were restricted to one lane. The plane wreckage was removed Wednesday evening, said Sgt. Hubert Looney, of Missouri Highway Patrol Troop C.

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A passing local pilot who saw the crash said it didn't look like the plane had any power when it went down, Looney said.

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A distress call came into the Chesterfield Fire Protection District at 1:19 p.m. Wednesday from Spirit Airport's tower in Chesterfield Valley, said Battalion Chief Fred Goodson. It indicated that a plane had suddenly crashed in the highway median about a mile and a half east of Spirit Airport and just east of the Chesterfield Airport Road exit off the highway.

Interstate 64, at that location, includes two eastbound and westbound lanes, and a wide grassy median.

Firefighters from Chesterfield, Cottleville and Metro West fire protection districts responded.

The four-passenger, single-engine Beechcraft Debonair private airplane apparently was approaching Spirit from the east, Goodson said.

"For whatever reason, the pilot was attempting to make it to the airport on a normal approach, but obviously came up short and had to land on the median," Goodson said.

"Some witnesses have said the engine was running and the plane dropped straight down," he said.

Firefighters used rescue tools to free one of the men, Goodson said.

"Intentionally or not, the plane was put down right in the median and, despite heavy traffic, no cars were struck," he said. "This could have easily caused a chain reaction accident," Goodson said.

"The plane didn't cause a fire, but firefighters put foam on the plane to prevent ignition, so that no fuel was leaking," Goodson said.

## Ramadan marks divine mission

By Mary Shapiro  
Staff writer

Dec. 31 isn't just the end of the year, it's the start of Ramadan.

Ramadan is a month of fasting and one of the most important events in the Islamic calendar.

It is an opportunity for Muslims to emphasize piety and charity to the poor, said Shah Ahmed, a Chesterfield resident and member of the Islamic Foundation of St. Louis.

Approximately 15,000 Muslims live in the St. Louis area.

"Among the five fundamental principles of Islam, fasting occupies third place by its importance," he said.

"Since Muslims go by a lunar calendar, Ramadan actually begins with the sighting of the moon in the western horizon immediately after sunset on the 31st," Ahmed said.

"For us, the month of Ramadan denotes the beginning of the prophet Mohammed's divine mission, with the revelations sent down by God through the angel Gabriel."

For Muslims, Ramadan's fasting is almost all encompassing. They abstain not just from food and drink but also from sexual activities, bad habits such as smoking, and bad feelings such as anger and backbiting between dawn and sunset each day.

"Similar to traditions of Judaism and Christianity, fasting for Muslims promotes righteousness and self-discipline," Ahmed said.

"It is an exercise of religious devotion, with cheerful and willing renunciation of all appetites of the flesh," he said.

"It doesn't aim at inflicting punishment, but at strengthening our morality and self-control, and deepens our consciousness of God."

During Ramadan, there are extra congregational prayers during evenings, when the Koran — the Muslim holy book — is recited by the mosque's prayer leader. There is more socialization among the congregation's members, and the mosque to break the daily fast, Ahmed said.

"Extra charity to the poor is given during the month of Ramadan," he said. "We are told to give 2.5 percent of our net wealth to the poor, and people are more cordial, friendly and ready to do good."

"Fasting is an expression of solidarity with the poor, the family and the community," he said. "It instills in the rich the virtue of mercy and gives them a first-hand experience of the hunger of the poor around them."

Ahmed enjoys the strengthening of family ties during Ramadan.

"The family fasts, eats and prays together," he said.

After fasting 29 days, the end of Ramadan will be celebrated with a festival called "Eid."

"It is an occasion of happiness and rejoicing for those who enjoyed fasting," Ahmed said. "Muslims wear their best clothes, go to the mosques for prayers and greet and exchange congratulations with each other for the successful completion of the month."

She said she enjoys the chance to help the poor.

For more information on Ramadan, write the Islamic Foundation of St. Louis, 513 Weidman Road, St. Louis, MO 63011, or call 394-7878.



## Friendly ambassadors

Six Flags St. Louis' goodwill ambassadors Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck visit with patients and their families during a holiday appearance at St. Louis Children's Hospital. In addition to the Looney Tunes characters' regular visits to children's hospitals, Six Flags St. Louis raised over \$500,000 for children's charities in 1997, including over \$300,000 for St. Louis Children's Hospital.

## Chief calls New Year's watch success

By Ellen Ellick  
Staff writer

St. Louis police are already looking forward to their third "Fun Without Guns" campaign on New Year's Eve of 1998.

The promise of another campaign came late last week as Police Chief Ron Henderson pronounced the 1997 campaign to reduce gunfire on New Year's Eve as a success.

"We were more successful than last year, and I promise we'll be even more successful next year," the chief said.

On New Year's Eve, city police were out in force watching for residents who might try to celebrate the new year by firing gunshots into the air. In past years, random gunshots have injured and even killed innocent bystanders.

Henderson began the "Fun Without Guns" campaign on New Year's Eve 1996, reminding people that random firing was not only dangerous but illegal. He also encouraged citizens to call 911 if they heard gunshots.

This past New Year's Eve, city police received 347 calls for "shots fired" between 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 and 3 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 1.

But police said no one was injured by falling bullets this year.

Police did arrest 19 people for illegal possession of a firearm or for discharging

one. Police also seized 29 guns, including one Thompson submachine gun.

The previous year, police arrested 35 people for weapons violations and seized 36 guns, while receiving 300 calls from citizens about gunfire.

Also on New Year's Eve, police arrested 12 persons suspected of drunk driving.

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## Effort on to put Christian music station back on local airwaves

By Jim Merkel  
Staff writer

Right now, it's not possible to hear full-time Christian music anywhere on the AM or FM radio dial.

But if its backers are right in their predictions, sometime before New Year's Day 1999, a flick of the switch again will bring the sound of Michael W. Smith, Sandi Patty, Amy Grant and other contemporary Christian music artists to listeners in the St. Louis area.

The last time that was possible was Oct. 1, before the station at 104.9 FM stopped broadcasting as WCBW after Continental Broadcasting sold the property to Jacor Communications for \$12.2 million.

Jacor then moved its MAJIC format to the frequency from 107.7 FM, and put a new format called Z-107.7, featuring contemporary hits.

The demise of WCBW meant what was left of religious broadcasting in the St. Louis area was largely teachings and talk.

For listeners and staffers who liked the station, which was ranked among the top contemporary Christian music stations in the country, the temptation was to start writing letters and demand a return to the old format.

"What can we do? How can we stop this terrible thing from happening?" said Jerry Williams, former program director and afternoon host for WCBW, recalling the reaction when people heard about the change.

"The phone lines and fax machines were jammed," said Sandy Brown, who was operations manager and morning drive co-host.

But to some former WCBW staff members and promoters, the better way was to leave

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former operations manager

the old station behind and work on a new one.

Under the name St. Louis Christian Music, Inc., they're working on raising money, finding another station and getting back on the air, most likely on a listener-supported basis.

This time, they say, the owners will actually believe what's going out on the air.

Generally, the people who broadcast Christian stations see their work as a ministry, a variation of what a minister does on Sunday morning. But since Universal Broadcasting (now Continental Broadcasting) bought it as a 3,000-watt station in Columbia, Ill., for less than \$1 million in 1980, its owners saw it as a profit-making format and not as a ministry.

Brown, a Columbia, Ill. resident who has a degree in broadcast communications from Maryville University, said the only concern was to meet a set of financial goals.

"As long as we met that, they didn't care if we played polka or rock or contemporary Christian music," Brown said.

In fact, the station met both financial and spiritual goals.

"It was one of the top five Christian music stations in the country," Brown said. "It had about 100,000 listeners a week."

From its office at 4121 Union Road in South County, it sent \$1.3 million in bills to advertisers.

By the time of the sale, it had been built up to 25,000 watts.

Among the advertisers was Randall McArthur, owner of McArthur's Bakery, 3501 Lemay Ferry Road in South County.

McArthur started advertising on the station about 15 years ago when the station and his first daughter were about 2 years old.

"I just felt I wanted that Christian music influence to be available for my kids," said McArthur, whose daughter is now a senior in high school. He also has a daughter in seventh grade.

While he started out just trying to help a medium, McArthur discovered it was a valuable advertising tool. At the end, about 75 percent of McArthur's ad budget went to WCBW, and its products were served at WCBW-sponsored events.

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## Students join worldwide conference to study global environment picture

By Barbara Ponder  
Staff writer

Water and soil samples from North County may help students and scientists worldwide get a better picture of the state of the global environment.

Fifth-grade students at Twilman Elementary schools are collecting and testing the samples in connection

with the worldwide Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) program.

Environmental awareness is GLOBE's greatest benefit to the fifth-graders, said their teacher, Gloria Ewing, who is spearheading GLOBE at Twilman in the Hazelwood School District.

"The intent of the program is to have students investigate things in the environment and communication through the Internet with others and report their findings," Ewing said.

"At this point we're just getting our feet wet. In the next month or so we will log on to the Internet."

U.S. Vice President Al Gore is a proponent of the program, which began in 1995 and is funded through

federal grants, Ewing said. Hydrology, soil and air quality are GLOBE's emphasized areas of study.

Ewing's 24 fifth-graders are divided into six project groups. Each group collects its own soil or water samples for testing. One group makes daily weather observations.

Soil is tested for consistency, structure and water content. Water is tested for the pH balance, or acidity or alkalinity. Alkalinity is the measure of water's resistance to the lowering of pH when acids are added, Ewing said.

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